

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-28 (Canceled).

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim ~~20~~ 72, wherein an adhesive layer runs ~~right through inside~~ continuously within the entire carrier area underneath the spot-shaped ~~intermediate carrier~~ carriers so that said layer lies open ~~adhesive layer~~ between the spots.

Claim 30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim ~~20~~ 72, wherein the spots have their own main direction of extent.

Claim 32 (Canceled).

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim ~~32~~ 73, wherein the bending line lies obliquely or normally to the direction of longitudinal extent.

Claim 34 (Canceled).

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): The diaper-fastening tape according to Claim ~~32~~ 73, wherein bending lines run exclusively in one direction or at least ~~substantially~~ essentially in one direction through the carrier area.

Claims 36-39 (Canceled).

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to claim ~~4~~ 70, wherein the plurality of spot-shaped carriers comprises a plurality of ~~an intermediate carrier is configured as~~ spots having a varying edge in the machine direction and arranged in levels extending, ~~whereby as seen in~~ the direction of the longitudinal extent of the fastening tape over the effective width of the carrier area, each level being separated from an adjoining level by a distance in the machine direction, and at least one spot ~~is being~~ provided at each level ~~running in the machine direction over the effective width of the~~

~~carrier area.~~

Claims 41-43 (Canceled).

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to claim ~~1~~ 70, wherein the plurality of spot-shaped carriers comprises a plurality of strip-shaped spots ~~an intermediate carrier for the closing system component is~~ formed by a separation in a first direction and by a spaced-apart ~~weakening in a second direction as strip-shaped spots.~~

Claims 45-52 (Canceled).

Claim 53 (Currently Amended): A strip material having a longitudinal direction of extent which can be divided by separating across the longitudinal direction of extent and optionally substantially in the longitudinal direction of extent to form individual usages in the form of fastening tapes according to Claim ~~1~~, ~~preferably without cutting~~ 70.

Claim 54 (Currently Amended) A coil, ~~in particular a roll or reel~~ of a strip material according to Claim 53.

Claim 55 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A diaper having a fastening tape according to Claim ~~±~~ 70.

Claims 56-58 (Canceled).

Claim 59 (Currently Amended): The diaper according to Claim 55, wherein said pop-off securing fastener comprises an adhesive of the free adhesive layer is selected in the closing area such that the comprising an adhesive adheres adhering to a back sheet of the diaper with a separation force of more than  $0.05 \text{ N/cm}^2$ , ~~preferably more than  $0.1 \text{ N/cm}^2$ , especially preferably more than  $0.15 \text{ N/cm}^2$ .~~

Claims 60-64 (Canceled).

Claim 65 (Currently Amended): The ~~manufacturing~~ method according to Claim ~~64~~ 75, wherein the spots applied comprise edge spots extending over a bordering edge and when separating the individual fastening tapes, the edge spots extending over ~~a~~ the bordering edge are severed.

Claim 66 (Canceled).

Claim 67 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to claim 44, wherein the ~~intermediate carrier is completely separated into~~ plurality of strip-shaped spots comprise at least two ~~or more~~ strips along the first direction, wherein the strips lie parallel to the first direction and substantially parallel to one another, whereas in the second direction, ~~i.e.~~ along the profile of the strips, ~~these~~ the strips are provided with an edge variation, ~~in particular with~~ comprising weakenings which are spaced apart from one another, ~~preferably regular, in particular with a constriction of the strips, i.e. comprising a tapering in their~~ the profile so that defined bending lines are obtained in the ~~firs~~ first direction, ~~i.e.~~ along the dividing lines of the individual strip-shaped spots and approximately perpendicular hereto, are obtained weaker but nevertheless ~~perceptibly broader~~ perceptible further bending lines.

Claim 68 (Canceled).

Claim 69 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to claim 68 77, wherein the hook component ~~comprising separated~~ ~~hooks~~ on the edge section comprises a plurality of separated hooks.

Claim 70 (New): A fastening tape for a hygiene item comprising:

(a) a fastening area for permanent attachment to the hygiene item;

(b) a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the hygiene item, said closing area comprising first and second areas, said first area having a shear-off securing component of a two-component mechanical fastening system and said second area having a pop-off securing fastener;

(c) a plurality of spot-shaped carriers within a carrier area defined by said spot-shaped carriers, each spot-shaped carrier carrying the shear-off securing component, wherein a selected set of said plurality of spot-shaped carriers comprises a plurality of edge carriers, each edge carrier forming a respective portion of a border of the carrier area along an edge section of the edge carrier;

(d) a fastening carrier fastened to said spot-shaped carriers; and

(e) a bending line running through the carrier area.

Claim 71 (New): A fastening tape for a hygiene item comprising:

(a) a fastening area for permanent attachment to the

hygiene item;

(b) a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the hygiene item;

(c) a plurality of spot-shaped carriers within a carrier area defined by said spot-shaped carriers, each spot-shaped carrier carrying a component of a two-component mechanical fastening system;

(d) a fastening carrier fastened to said spot-shaped carriers; and

(e) a bending line running through the carrier area;

wherein the carrier area has a cohesive open adhesive area between the spot-shaped carriers.

Claim 72 (New): A fastening tape for a hygiene item comprising:

(a) a fastening area for permanent attachment to the hygiene item;

(b) a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the hygiene item;

(c) a plurality of spot-shaped carriers within a carrier area defined by said spot-shaped carriers, each spot-shaped carrier carrying a component of a two-component mechanical fastening system;

(d) a fastening carrier fastened to said spot-shaped carriers; and

(e) a bending line running through the carrier area;

wherein the plurality of spot-shaped carriers comprises at least one central spot having a spot edge situated within the carrier area and at least one edge spot having a spot edge situated at a tape edge.

Claim 73 (New): A fastening tape for a hygiene item comprising:

(a) a fastening area for permanent attachment to the hygiene item;

(b) a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the hygiene item;

(c) a plurality of spot-shaped carriers within a carrier area defined by said spot-shaped carriers, each spot-shaped carrier carrying a component of a two-component mechanical fastening system;

(d) a fastening carrier fastened to said spot-shaped carriers; and

(e) a bending line running through the carrier area;

wherein the plurality of spot-shaped carriers comprises a plurality of circular spots and at least one semicircular edge



spot having a chord running through the mid-point of the at least one semi-circular edge spot along a boundary of the carrier area.

Claim 74 (New): A method for closing a diaper comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a diaper having a wing, a landing zone, and a fastening tape, the landing zone comprising a surface area of a textile back sheet, the fastening tape comprising a fastening area for permanent attachment to the diaper, a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the diaper, said closing area comprising first and second areas, said first area having a shear-off securing component of a two-component mechanical fastening system and said second area having a pop-off securing fastener, a plurality of spot-shaped carriers within a carrier area defined by said spot-shaped carriers, each spot-shaped carrier carrying the shear-off securing component, wherein a selected set of said plurality of spot-shaped carriers comprises a plurality of edge carriers, each edge carrier forming a respective portion of a border of the carrier area along an edge section of the edge carrier, a fastening carrier fastened to said spot-shaped carriers, and a bending line running through the carrier area; and

(b) closing the daiaper by establishing a connection

between the closing area of the fastening tape on the diaper wing and the landing zone.

Claim 75 (New): A method for producing a fastening tape comprising the steps of:

(a) first applying spots to a plurality of fastening tapes adjacent in a machine direction; and

(b) subsequently separating the tapes to yield a final shape of each fastening tape;

wherein each fastening tape comprises a fastening area for permanent attachment to a hygiene item, a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the hygiene item, said closing area comprising first and second areas, said first area having a shear-off securing component of a two-component mechanical fastening system and said second area having a pop-off securing fastener, a plurality of spot-shaped carriers within a carrier area defined by said spot-shaped carriers, each spot-shaped carrier carrying the shear-off securing component, wherein a selected set of said plurality of spot-shaped carriers comprises a plurality of edge carriers, each edge carrier forming a respective portion of a border of the carrier area along an edge section of the edge carrier, a fastening carrier fastened to said spot-shaped carriers, and a bending line running through the

carrier area.

Claim 76 (New): A fastening tape for a hygiene item comprising:

(a) a fastening area for permanent attachment to the hygiene item;

(b) a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the hygiene item;

(c) a plurality of spot-shaped carriers within a carrier area defined by said carriers, each spot-shaped carrier carrying a component of a two-component mechanical fastening system;

(d) a fastening carrier fastened to said spot-shaped carriers; and

(e) a bending line running through the carrier area;

wherein when viewed from the fastening area, the closing area initially at least partially comprises hooks and otherwise an open adhesive surface.

Claim 77 (New): A fastening tape for a hygiene item comprising:

(a) a fastening area for permanent attachment to the hygiene item;

(b) a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to

a surface of the hygiene item;

(c) a plurality of spot-shaped carriers within a carrier area defined by said carriers, each spot-shaped carrier carrying a hook component of a two-component mechanical fastening system;

(d) a fastening carrier fastened to said spot-shaped carriers;

wherein the plurality of shot-shaped carriers comprises a plurality of edge spots with a sharp-edged edge section.